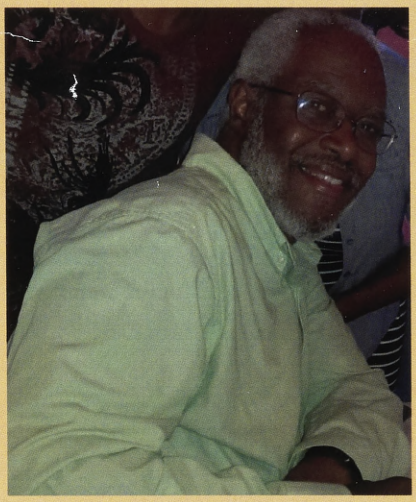
CELEBRATION *Of Life*



Stephen Anthony Gibson

July 9, 1960 – October 22, 2015

The Way Christian Center
1305 University Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702

Pastor Michael McBride, Officiating

Obituary

Stephen Anthony Gibson welcomed into the world on July 9, 1960 to parents Donald and Norma Gibson. He lived with his family in Richmond California and enjoyed the fullness of his parent's attention as an only child.

Young Stephen, or just "Stevie" as he was called, attended St. Cornelius School where he studied and served as an Alter Boy. In 1974 he attended Salesian College Preparatory High school and graduated with honors in 1978. After which, he left the nest to pursue his post-secondary education at the historical Hampton University in Virginia.

In 1980 he was re-introduced to the Lord and became a part of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ denomination. He chose to pursue the ministry and later became a Deacon, and eventually a Minister. He served as Sunday School Superintendent at Gethsemane Community Church in the 80s worked directly with the youth as a young Minister. In 1982 Stephen met his first wife, Gladys Woods. They married on his birthday the following year and produced two beautiful girls from their union; Amanda Gibson, born in 1984 and Summer Gibson born in 1986.

Stephen found an interest in new technology and decided to pursue a career in I.T. He attended the Computer Learning Center in 1989 and became the first African American Computer Programmer at Sonoma State University in 1991. He later obtained a position with Marin County as a government employed I.T. Analyst Supervisor and worked there for 15 years.

Stephen was predeceased by his wife Gladys in 1997. In 1998 he married LaCarol Crawley. With that union he produced two more beautiful children; Stephen and Jillian Gibson born in 2001 and 2002.

He found love in things that may have seemed odd to others at the time. While many of his friends exceled in traditional sports, he perfected a 3-step release and went on to become a superior bowler as a young adult, even scoring back to back perfect games!

As a young Minister he took on a role of a stern and factual teacher, often pushing his pupils to their limits. But his love for the Lord and desire for righteousness was noted by more than just his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Whether you knew him as Steve, Stevie, Minister Gibson, Mr. Gibson or Dad, you knew him to be a straight talk individual who was not afraid to speak his mind and may even inspire you to speak yours. His "matter of fact" sense of humor and love of family will be remembered and missed by many.

Stephen is survived by his mother, Norma Gibson his wife LaCarol, his four wonderful children Amanda, Summer, Stephen and Jillian Gibson and his sole grandchild, Gabrielle Johnson. His memory will live in their hearts forever.

Celebrating the Name of Loved One

Processional	Clergy and Family
Scripture	Rhonda Roberts
Old Testament	Leviticus 26:12
New Testament	John 14:27
Prayer	Bishop James White
Musical Selection	Barbara Deans
Obituary	Read Silently
Special Tribute	Daisy Hill, Schaeffer Walker, & Reverend Gina Casey
Reflections (2 Minutes Please)	
Instrumental Selection	Vivian McBride
Eulogy	Pastor Michael McBride
Viewing of Beloved	
Recessional	Clergy, Family, & Friends

Interment immediately following:
St. Joseph Cemetery- 2450 Church Lane
San Pablo, CA 94806

Pallbearers

Calvin Miles
Ellison Dunlap
Rouvaun Walker
Ernest Crawley
Marcus Miles
James White

Honorary Pallbearers

Stephen J. Gibson
Bernard Miles

Acknowledgements

We, the family, thank all of you for the love and kindness you have shown to our father, husband and son. We appreciate the calls, emails, texts and cards received, and thank you for taking time to pray for his health and well-being. May God Bless you for every kind word you have said or encouraging role you have played in Stephen's life.

"As you Mourn my Departure"

Reflect upon the good times we shared, and celebrate the life I lived. I am with my Lord in Heaven now filled with joy and peace. Continue the dreams I had, and let your love for me motivate you to live a life filled with love, compassion, respect and good will to others. Take comfort in knowing that as long as you remember me, I still live in each of you. Thank you for enriching my life and loving me.

God Bless You.

Repast following the Internment:
Royal Palace Restaurant, 3550 San Pablo Dam Rd, El Sobrante, CA

Please do not enter until family arrives. Donations will be accepted, thank you in advance for your cooperation.